

Qatar Investment and Innovation Conference Presents High-Level Panel on Fostering Entrepreneurship and Driving Economic Growth in the GCC



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Doha, Qatar – 12 October 2025 – The Qatar Investment and Innovation Conference is proud to announce its first panel discussion, “Fostering Entrepreneurship and Driving Economic Growth in the GCC.” Co-organized by The Business Year and Msheireb Properties, the session will take place during the conference, themed “Driving GCC Entrepreneurial Growth,” scheduled for 3 November 2025 at Barahat Msheireb, Doha.

Held in strategic partnership with the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT), the forum is designed to foster dialogue between policymakers, investors, entrepreneurs, and innovators from across the Gulf.

This high-level conversation will focus on how public policy, institutional leadership, and cross-border collaboration can create stronger conditions for entrepreneurship in the GCC. Panelists will explore ways to strengthen regulatory frameworks, foster public-private partnerships, and support education and skills development, all with the aim of building a robust ecosystem for startups and SMEs.

The session will be moderated by Vanessa Rameix, Regional Director at The Business Year and includes the following distinguished panelists:

- Yousuf Al-Jaida, CEO, Qatar Financial Centre (QFC)

- Hussain Al Mahmoudi, CEO, Sharjah Research, Technology and Innovation Park (SRTIP)
- Khaulaa Al Harthy, CEO, Injaz Oman
- Rama Chakaki, President, Qatar Science & Technology Park (QSTP)

By bringing together influential leaders from financial hubs, innovation parks, and entrepreneurship networks, the panel will highlight the crucial role of policy frameworks and ecosystem enablers in accelerating startup growth. These efforts are instrumental in driving sustainable job creation, enhancing regional competitiveness, and supporting Qatar's commitment to innovation-driven growth and its transition toward a knowledge-based economy in line with Qatar National Vision 2030.

The Qatar Investment and Innovation Conference, co-organised by TBY and Msheireb Properties, will serve as a high-level forum connecting policymakers, investors, entrepreneurs, and innovators from across the Gulf and by hosting this panel discussion, the event reinforces Qatar's position as a regional hub for entrepreneurship, innovation, and sustainable economic growth.

The conference is organized by The Business Year, as part of its mission to connect global investors and stakeholders with leading GCC markets. The event, in partnership with Msheireb Properties, complements TBY's flagship publication, *The Business Year: Qatar 2026*, and its special reports, reinforcing a shared vision to promote transparency, knowledge exchange, and sustainable

economic growth.